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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Commissioner:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

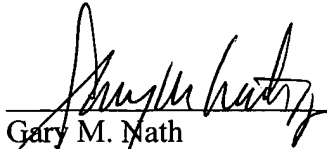
- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 30, 2005. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire March 30, 2006. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.